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Kaska Leaders Accept Premier's Invitation to Meet

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The Kaska Nation leaders have accepted an invitation to meet with Premier Pasloski on December 7, 2012. In a brief letter to the Chiefs, the Premier stated, "We firmly believe that despite our current differences, through cooperation and collaboration, we can achieve common ground acting in the best interests of Kaska citizens and all Yukoners."

The invitation to meet came on the heels of a meeting last week amongst all the Kaska leaders from their Territory stretching from Ross River YT to Kwadacha, BC. During this meeting they considered and adopted a 7 Point Action Plan for their next steps in the ongoing dispute with the Yukon Government with respect to resource development in Kaska Traditional Lands.

"In addition to accepting the meeting, Kaska recommended to the Government certain good faith steps that the Government and Kaska can take to facilitate positive discussions. We will have no statement on the Action Plan details until we hear from the Premier on our initial suggestions," noted Chief Jack Caesar. "We consider the invitation as a genuine attempt by the Premier to engage in a respectful way with our leadership to hold an open discussion. For this reason we have decided to withhold further press briefings with respect to our future plans, until we hear back from him."

Chief Liard McMillan commented, "This will be a very important meeting. It will either set us on an agreed upon path forward which will benefit industry and all Yukoners, or force us to seek alternative ways of ensuring our rights and our lands are protected. Obviously, we are hopeful that it will be a productive meeting."

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